tioned to sugar mills in Maharashtra for sugarcane development and Rs. 107.29 crores for rehabilitation/modernisation of plant and machinery.

Deelining tread of Sugar Production

2137. SHRI AHMED MOHMED-BHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of Food be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a declining trend of sugar production during the month of August, 1993 and onwards;

(b) if so, to what extent the sugar output is declining;

(c) to what extent the sugar production during the current sugar season has declined; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to improve sugar production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATO RAI): (a) and (b) The required information is as under:—

Month	Sugar Production during the sugar year (October to September) (in lakh tonnes)		Increase (+) or decrease (--) in production over 1991-92 (in lakh tonnes)
	1991-92	1992-93	
August . . .	0.46	0.28	(-) 0.18
September . . .	0.47	0.41	(-) 00.6

Sugar production during the current sugar year 1993-94 in the month of October 1993 was 0.76 lakh tonnes as against 0.79 lakh tonnes during the previous season 1992-93 thereby showing an increase of 0.17 lakh tonnes.

(c) Total production during the cur rent sugar year 1993-94 upto 15-11-1993 was 3.48 'lakh tonnes (provisional), as against 2.94 lakh tonnes (provisional) in the corresponding period during tile last sugar year, i.e. 1992-93 thereby show ing an increase of 0.54 lakh tonnes.

(d) Considering the need to boost sugar production during 1993-94 season. Government have taken/initiated the following measures:

(i) Early crushing incentives have been announced to provide higher freesale quota at 72 per cent, as against the normal entitlement of 60 per cent to sugar mills for their production achieved during the period 1.10.1993 to 15.11.1993.

(ii) Mid-crushing incentives have been announced to provide higher free-sale quota at 80 per cent, as against the normal entitlement of 60 per cent, to sugar mills for the incremental production to be achieved during the period 1.1.1994 to 30.4. 1994 over the production during the same period in 1992-93 season.

(iii) Late crushing incentives have been announced to provide higher freesale quota at 72 per cent, as against the norma] entitlement of 60 per cent, to sugar mills for the production to be achieved during the period 1.5.1994 to 31.7.1994. (iv) Finance Ministry/Reserve Bank have been requested to provide need-based credit to the sugar industry during 1993-94 season. (v) Stale Governments have been requested to ensure prompt clearance of cane price dues to the farmers by the sugar factories. (vi) The loan component for grant of Sugar Development Fund assistance

for KT Weirs and lift intregation schemes has been enhanced from 66.6 per cent to 90 per cent, of the project cost.

(vii) The Statutory Minimum Price (SMP) for sugarcane for 1993-94 season has been announced at Rs. 34.50 per quintal linked to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent, as against Rs. 31/- per quintal for 1992-93 season. An advance announcement of SMP for 1994-95 season has also been made at Rs. 37/- per quintal to a basic recovery of 8.5 per cent.

(viii) The incentive scheme for new sugar factories and expansion projects has been suitably revised.

(ix) State Governments have been requested to consider imposition of res'jrictions on gur and khandsari units prohibiting their operation before 31.12.1993 so as to make available more proportion of cane to the sugar mill sector.

Setting up of sugar mills

2138. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals for setting up of Sugar Mills received during the last two years;

(b) how many of them have been clear ed and the number of them which are stih under Government's consideration; and

(c) the number of such proposals re ceived from Uttar Pradesh Government and the names of the projects which are still under consideration and by when they are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) 118 proposals were received during the sugar yew 1991-92 (October-September) and 69 proposals were received during the sugar year 1992-93 (October-September) for setting up of new sugar mills in the country Out of these, two proposals have bed issued Letters of Intent in December 1993. The remaining are under variou: stages of consideration of the Govern. niant

(c) During the aforesaid two sugar years, as on 31-8-93, 73 proposals have been received from the State of Uttar Pradesh through the Department of In dustrial Development for setting up of new sugar mills. A list showing the names of such proposals is at Statement, (See below) These proposals have beer scrutinised by the Screening Committee and the recommendations of the Ministry of Food have been sent to the Ministry of Industry.

Statement

The names (Location-wise of applications received through the Ministry of Industry 'Deptt of Industrial Development') for setting-up of new sugar factories in Uttar Pradesh

	Location	Name of applicant
1991-92 *Sugar Year*	*Distt. Saharanpur*	
	1. Nagal	1. Rajiv Singh
	2. Rasoolpur	2. H.S. Bhartia
	Distt. Muzaffarnagar	
	3. Purkaji	3. Pramod Kumar
	4. Husainpur Teh. Jansath	4. DLF Industies Ltd. (AS Minocha)
		5. Sudhish Prakash